

'Eggcellent' time planned for Balloon Fiesta Park

How does the Easter bunny deliver eggs in Albuquerque? In a hot air balloon, of course!

Mayor Martin Chavez and Margaret Aragon de Chavez invite Albuquerque families and parents and children of active duty, Guard and Reserve troops to join them in Balloon Fiesta Park, April 11, 7:30-10:00 a.m. for an "eggcellent" good time.

At 7:30 a.m., hot air balloons will drop "Lucky Eggs" filled with prizes and candy as they fly over the field. Prizes include stuffed animals, a hot air balloon ride, tickets to the Rio Grande Zoo, Albuquerque Bio Park and Aquarium, Explora Museum and the Natural History Museum.

There will be games, strolling clowns, face painting, and a visit from the Easter bunny.

The Classic Chevy Club of Albuquerque and others will showcase their cars in a parade on the field.

Breakfast burritos, Way Out West cinnamon rolls, coffee and hot chocolate will be available to purchase.

Sponsors are Wal-Mart, John Brooks, KKO-BM, Magic 99-FM, Wells Fargo Bank and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Contact the Mayor's office at 768-3000.

Fatherhood guide for those deploying

A free guide being offered by the National Fatherhood Initiative is designed to help service members maintain their important role in their children's lives during military deployments.

The brochure is available by calling 301-948-0599 or writing to National Fatherhood Institute, 101 Lake Forest Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

OF NOTE

BRIEFINGS

Suicide prevention

All mandatory Suicide Prevention training is in the theater on:

- ★ April 9, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ May 26, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ June 9, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; June 23, 7 a.m.
- ★ July 13, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ Aug. 11, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ Sept. 16, 7 a.m.; Sept. 29, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ Oct. 13, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; Oct. 21, 7 a.m.
- ★ Nov. 3, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; Nov. 23, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ Dec. 8, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; Dec. 16, 7 a.m.;
- ★ Dec. 22, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

CLASSES

"Quick Start" Academy

Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute is looking for professionals with a passion for teaching.

TVI is accepting applications for its faculty pool for a variety of courses in business, health, technologies and trades areas. Most positions require a bachelor's degree; some require industry experience. Retirees and working business or trade professionals are encouraged to apply.

New instructors and individuals with limited postsecondary teaching experience are trained in TVI's "Quick Start Academy," a program that gives instructors the skills they need to succeed.

Applicants are also needed for liberal arts and college prep classes.

Go to www.tvi.edu and select "employment" or call the TVI job line, 224-4601.

SMART coping

Stress Management and Relaxation Training is a four-session program proven to increase stress coping skills.

The class, open to everyone on the installation, is March 31 and April 7 and 14, 2-3 p.m., in the Life Skills Support Center.

Register at 846-3305.

Healthy thinking

Healthy Thinking class, an easy-to-use approach for reducing worry, anger and other negative emotions, is March 29 and April 5, 2-4 p.m., in the Life Skills Support Center.

Register at 846-3305.

CLOSINGS

ID card section

The base identification card section is closed, March 29-30 so the Defense Manpower Data Center can upgrade the workstations.

The down time will affect remote site access at Roswell, 150th Fighter Wing and in Santa Fe.

Call Staff Sgt. Justina Meyers, 846-5459 or Master Sgt. Darryl E. Thomas, 846-4305 or 853-0698.

AF employment Web site

Employees will not be able to access the Air Force Civilian Employment Web page (i.e. search for jobs, update resumes, self nominate for positions) March 26-April 2.

The system is undergoing a major software upgrade.

Playground renovation

The renovation of Bicentennial Playground began March 15.

The playground will be unusable for about six weeks.

The prep work for installing new playground equipment and new surfaces is March 15-31. New toys, surfacing and shade structures will be installed in April.

During the time the playground is fenced, do not allow your children to play in the area. The remaining area of Bicentennial Park will be available to use during this time.

EDUCATION

CLEP Exams

The following CLEP exams will not be available on base after March 31: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, English Literature, American Literature, Educational Psychology and French.

For scheduling, call 846-8955.

EVENTS

TVI job fair

Several thousand middle and high school students and community members are expected to attend an "Open House and Job Fair" at

Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute, April 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The job fair features more than 50 area employers and county, state and federal government.

Participants should bring résumés, and be dressed for job interviews.

The Open House and Job Fair take place in a variety of locations, including several buildings and outdoor areas along Coal Avenue between University Boulevard and Buena Vista. That stretch of Coal will be closed for the event.

For more information, contact Annette Chavez y DeLaCruz, 224-3060, achavez@tvi.edu or Courtney McBride, 224-3763, cmcbride@tvi.edu.

Armed Forces Banquet

The 2004 Armed Forces Banquet is May 15, in the Hyatt Regency Downtown, 330 Tijeras Northwest.

The reception begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Gen. Gregory S. Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander. The 44th U.S. Army Band will provide entertainment.

Tickets are \$35 for active duty military. Active duty military can purchase a table of ten for \$350.

Dress is mess dress for the military or black tie optional.

The point of contact at the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce is Melissa Presson, 764-3743.

Worry-free retirement

The Kirtland Federal Credit Union Members Financial Services is holding a no-cost seminar on "Strategies for a Worry-Free Retirement," March 23, noon and 6 p.m., in the credit union education center, Room A, 6440 Gibson Boulevard SE.

The seminar includes:

- ★ How much will you need for retirement?
- ★ Employer-sponsored retirement plans
- ★ Determining your social security benefits
- ★ Using individual retirement account benefits
- ★ Planning your investment objectives.

Call 254-4384.

OF NOTE

MISCELLANEA

International service

The Distance Learning Center is launching the Globecast World TV Service, which features 38 world-wide television and radio programs.

The lineup includes programming from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Qatar, Yemen, Iran (Farsi and Persian languages), Israel, Georgia, Armenia, Croatia, Romania, Korea, Thailand, India and Pakistan.

Call Circe Woessner, 846-1748.

Travel Regulations

Joint Federal Travel Regulations have changed recently allowing expenses for retained lodging for a member who takes leave during a temporary duty contingency deployment to be a reimbursable expense.

Changes should be in Joint Federal Travel Regulation change 209, effective May 1.

More information on leave, travel and transportation revisions is at <http://141.116.74.201/regchgs.htm>.

Free Tax Preparation

Active duty, retired military and their dependents are eligible for free tax preparation at the VITA Tax Center.

More information is available at the Tax Center's Web site at www.kirtland.af.mil. Click on the "Organizations" tab at the top, then click on Tax Center on the "Organizations" page.

Call 853-1700 for an appointment.

PERSONNEL

Records changes

Civilians serviced by the Air Force Personnel Center are no longer required to submit changes for education, licensing, languages and certificates through the Kirtland AFB Civilian Personnel Flight.

These requests may be faxed directly to the personnel center at DSN 665-2937 or 210-565-2937.

Records will be updated within 90 days.

Need a challenge?

TEAM KIRTLAND First Term Airmen Center is looking for a sharp, dedicated staff sergeant through senior master sergeant to fill the position of flight chief.

This is a special duty assignment (9F000) and is a three-year controlled tour. All applicants must be able to be released from their career field.

For details on the application process and answers to any questions, contact Master Sgt. William Hannah, 853-7461 or e-mail william.hannah@kirtland.af.mil.

Submit application packages before **March 26**.

RECRUITING

AF Health Professions

Air Force Health Professions representatives are looking for help.

If you or someone you know is a healthcare professional and may

consider the active duty Air Force, contact Tech. Sgt. Bill Malcolm, 505-888-1975 or william.malcolm@rs.af.mil.

Some programs have sign-on bonuses or College Loan Repayment.

N.Y. Guard

The N.Y. Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia N.Y., home of the C-130 Ski-birds, has traditional Guard vacancies in: 1A2X1, 1C0X2, 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 3C1X1, 3E0X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X3, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S0X1, 4A0X1, 4A2X1, 4D0X1, X4N0X1, 4T0X1 and 6C0X1.

Contact Master Sgt. James Reevesn, DSN 344-2457, 800-524-5070 or James.Reeves@nyscot.ang.af.mil.

VOLUNTEERS

ARM needs help

The Chapel is requesting volunteers for the Albuquerque Rescue Mission.

The Mission could use assistance at breakfast meals, 6-7 a.m., weekdays.

The "ARM" is a non-profit religious organization. The Rescue Mission serves many meals to numerous U.S. veterans.

Service members or their families who would like to volunteer some time, e.g. one day a month or one day every week, at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission, call Pastor Dave Goodnight, 346-4673, ext. 244, to make arrangements to help.

Mars Space Station

More than 60 volunteers are needed to help students build Mars space stations at Kirtland AFB, **April 2**.

The program, known as the Mars On-Site Laser Development Mission Link-Up Day, is the culmination of a 10-12 week classroom-based simulation, adapted from the Challenger Center for Space Science Education's Marsville.

More than 2,000 students, teachers and guests from Albuquerque area schools are expected to participate this year.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the space stations, check in participants at the gate, serve as bus escorts, serve as caravan drivers and help clean up after the event.

Volunteers are needed for four shifts: noon-4 p.m., **April 1**, and on **April 2**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and 12:30-4 p.m.

Contact Ronda Cole, 846-8042, or Ronda.Cole@kirtland.af.mil.

Judges needed

The New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement Inc. needs volunteer judges for their 16th Annual Statewide Math and Science Jamboree, **April 3**, at UNM.

MESA promotes educational enrichment for pre-college students from historically underrepresented ethnic groups. Their goal is to increase the number of underrepresented ethnic minorities in professions related to mathematics, science and engineering.

If you are interested in volunteering call, 2nd Lt. Wesley Cook, 853-2650.